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Title:)	Customer No.:	23448
PRESS-FLAT CENTRIFUGE TUBE AND SPECIMEN COLLECTION ASSEMBLY COMPRISING SAME)		

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**RESPONSE TO MARCH 23, 2006 OFFICE ACTION;
REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME;
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AND SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION OF TILAK M. SHAH
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This responds to the March 23, 2006 Office Action in the above-referenced patent application.

The time limit for responding to the March 23, 2006 Office Action without fee was set at three months, or June 23, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants hereby request an extension of time of two months to submit the present response pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136. Payment for the extension fee of \$225.00 under 37 CFR 1.17 is authorized in the accompanying Credit Card Payment form.

Please amend the specification as set out in **Section I (Amendments to the Specification)** hereof.

Please amend the claim status as set out in **Section II (Amendments to the Claims)** hereof.

Remarks addressing the amended claims and the substance of the Office Action are set out in **Section III (Remarks)** hereof.